

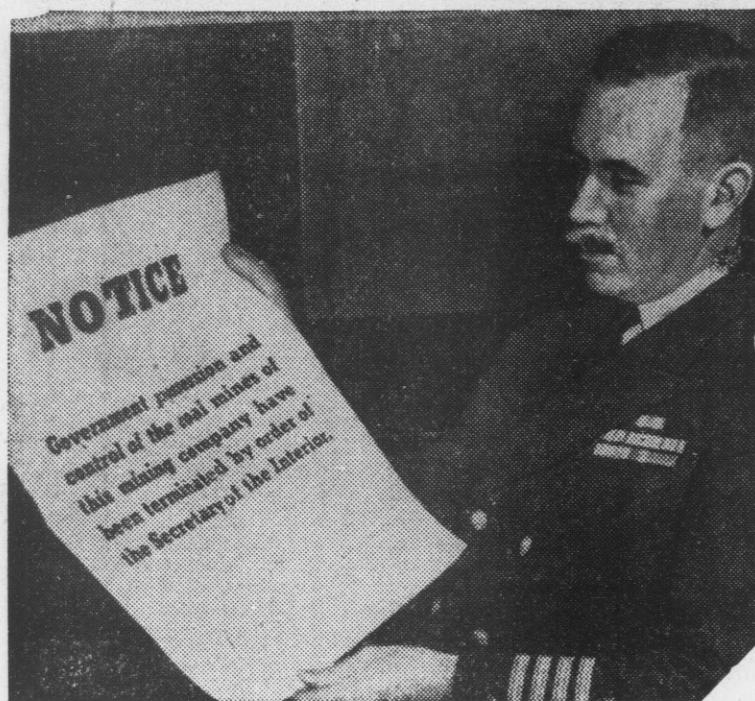
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WHOLE NO. 458

## Uncle Sam Quits Mines



After 13 months of government operation, the nation's bituminous coal pits have been returned to the coal companies. Here Mine Administrator Capt. F. C. Noland holds one of the signs posted throughout the country's mines announcing the termination of U. S. control. (Federated Pictures)

## Tories Again Plan Killing Poll Tax Act

**(Release from State Fed. of Labor)**  
SAN FRANCISCO.—The Industrial Accident Commission will petition the Supreme Court of California for a rehearing on its decision holding that the 1945 amendment to Section 4661 of the Labor Code is not retrospective. As amended, Section 4661 provides that an injured employee shall receive at least 75% of his permanent disability rating in addition to the temporary disability rating, rather than only the greater of the two.

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### WHEN THEY STARTED

Dates of adoption of the poll tax were listed as Mississippi, 1890; Tennessee, 1890; South Carolina, 1895; Alabama, 1901; Virginia, 1901; Texas, 1903, and Arkansas, 1908. In Virginia, the record shows, 266,000 persons voted in the last presidential election before the tax was imposed, and but 136,000 voted in the next presidential election—a drop of 49 percent. Mississippi showed an immediate drop of 56 percent, from 117,000 to 52,000, and other states followed suit.

Bender, supported by Republican colleagues on the anti-poll tax issue, called on Pres. Truman "to pledge his own support but also that of his party to ensure the passage of an anti-poll tax measure in this session of Congress."

## Seek Court Rehearing On Ruling

**(Release from State Fed. of Labor)**

WASHINGTON—De- lay, confusion and hair-splitting will be the tactics of the House minority depending for political life on the poll tax to defend that institution, it was made clear as a House administration subcommittee opened hearings on eight anti- polltax bills.

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## Judge Refuses To Kill Union Shop Provision

LOS ANGELES—Superior Judge Frank G. Swain denied a request by three would-be motion picture performers for an injunction to set aside the union shop provisions of the Screen Extras Guild contract with the producers in Hollywood.

Declaring the trio, Gene Bayes, Ford Raymond and Bobby Michaels, like other applicants for membership, must meet "reasonable regulations and requirements established by the union," the judge upheld the S.E.G.'s demurral filed by Guild Counsel Robert W. Gilbert.

In denying the injunction, the court sustained arguments by the Screen Extras Guild attorney that a labor organization was entitled to require that new members be qualified and employable in the industry, and of good moral character, as a protection for those already on the job.

**Auto Workers  
Average \$55**

LANSING, Mich.—Workers in Michigan auto and parts plants

earned an average of \$55.66 a week during May, the state department of labor and industry reports. The work-week averaged 37.3 hours and the hourly rate averaged \$1.491 including overtime.

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**San Diego Unionists  
Plan Now to Retire  
Tory Legislators**

SAN DIEGO—The AFL Federated Trades and Labor Council here is wasting no time getting its big guns lined up to dislodge anti-labor politicians in 1948.

To assure a solid pro-labor vote here next year, the council has started the monumental job of precincting every one of the 25,000 members of its affiliated unions.

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## Anti-Labor Bill Already Affecting Many Labor Cases

WASHINGTON—The heavy heel of the Taft-Hartley anti-labor bill has already begun pressing on labor's throat, it was made clear as the NLRB released instructions for conforming to the new law which it had sent its 21 regional offices.

Affected were some 5,100 standing cases, 4,300 of which were being processed in the field, and 800 of which were in Washington. Most of the field cases, the NLRB said, may not reach the board for decision until after the full provisions of the act go into effect on August 22.

Among the instructions to regional offices going into immediate effect:

1. Dismiss all petitions seeking certification of units involving supervisory workers.

2. Stop all cases involving collective bargaining for plant guards unless the guards unit completely excludes all other workers.

3. Do not give approval to any new labor-management agreements to settle representation by cross-check of company payrolls (the new law requires an election).

4. Hold no election in units where an election has been held within the past year.

Regional NLRB offices were also instructed to keep a complete record in craft unit and so-called professional employee cases, to comply with the requirement that both groups vote for inclusion in a unit with other workers.

Among the provisions of the Taft-Hartley law to be held off until Aug. 22 are employer petitions for collective bargaining elections, petitions for de-certification of bargaining representatives and union petitions for union security votes.

## Labor Dept. Funds Voted, But Still Badly Curtailed

WASHINGTON—The Labor Department finally got the funds with which to operate for another year when the labor-federal security appropriation bill quickly cleared the House and Senate a few hours after the conference committee compromised its long-standing differences on the measure.

Most of the figures split the difference between extreme slashes by the House in Pres. Truman's budget requests and somewhat milder Senate cuts. The final result:

Wage-Hour Division—Final appropriation, \$3.8 million; Truman budget request, \$5.2 million.

Division of Labor Standards—Appropriation, \$200,000; budget request, \$718,000.

U. S. Employment Service (Administration)—Appropriation, \$3.5 million; budget request, \$6 million.

U. S. Employment Service (Grants to State Offices)—Appropriation, \$57.4 million; budget request, \$72 million.

Bureau of Labor Statistics—Appropriation, \$3.4 million; budget request, \$6.7 million.

Apprentice Training Service—Appropriation, \$2.1 million; budget request, \$2.5 million.

The Labor Department, according to the act of Congress establishing it, is supposed "to foster, promote and develop the welfare of the wage earners in the U. S., to improve their working conditions, and to advance their opportunities for profitable employment."

## Medal Given Negro Scientist for Job On Fire Prevention

WASHINGTON—The Spingarn Medal, given annually by a committee of the Natl. Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People for the highest achievement of an American Negro, was awarded to Dr. Percy L. Julian, a research chemist, at the NAACP conference.

The winner directs research for the Glidden Varnish and Paint Co., and during the war achieved distinction for his work on an invention used in smothering fires aboard naval vessels.

Born in Montgomery, Ala., in 1899, Dr. Julian worked his way through DePauw University, taking advanced degrees at Harvard and in Vienna. He has taught chemistry at Fisk University, Virginia State, Howard University and DePauw.

In order not to show anything brutal on the screen, most movies end just as the couples are about to be married.

## Legislative Conference Call Issued

LOS ANGELES—A

call to a special session of the California Legislative Conference, to be held August 23 and 24 here, has been issued to over 5000 organizations in California by co-Chairmen of the Conference George F. Irvine of San Francisco and Reuben W. Borough of Los Angeles.

Featured in the program of the two-day conference will be a forum discussion "What About 1948?" Robert W. Kenny, former attorney general of California, will speak on "What Is the Outlook for Progressives in the Democratic Party." Hugh Bryson, national president of the Marine Cooks and Stewards Union, a CIO affiliate, will talk on "Do We Need a Third Party Now?" There will be discussion from the floor on this vital topic, but no formal conference action will be taken.

**DISCUSSION INITIATIVES**

Also figured for a highlight of the action will be discussion of three proposed initiative measures for the state: Senate Reapportionment, Veterans Housing, and Increased Aid to Senior Citizens.

Of special interest also will be discussion on how the Taft-Hartley law can be repealed.

Addressed to all organizations of the people of California, the call is being sent to all labor organizations, veterans groups, women's groups, senior citizen groups, farm groups, youth groups, minority groups and to "all other people's organizations in California who want to join the fight for progress."

The conference will convene at 10 a.m., August 23 at the Rodger Young Auditorium, 936 West Washington Blvd.

**FAMISHED  
LANDLORDS  
SMELL BLOOD**

WASHINGTON—When the leash of federal rent control appeared removed by passage of the GOP's weakened extension law, many U. S. landlords violated its provisions in their eagerness to lap up extra profits.

Under the plain terms of the law, which Pres. Truman declared was a "step backward" and a victory for the real estate lobby, rent controls remain on all hotels, motor courts, and tourist homes throughout the nation until the landlord files an application for decontrol with his area rent office. This notice must be filed within 30 days after July 1, or in the case of new units, within 30 days after the first day of renting.

Apartment hotels may also be in hot water with the government if they jumped rents (as many did in New York City and elsewhere) without considering the new act's provisions.

The section applying to apartment hotels says that no establishment shall be considered a hotel for the purposes of decontrol if "75 per cent or more of the units in the establishment are self-contained dwelling units including a bathroom and kitchen and were rented on other than a daily term of occupancy on June 30, 1947."

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On Vacation**

Mrs. Neva Gregory, office secre-

tary for the Monterey County

Building Trades Council at Mon-

terey and also for Carpenters 1223,

was on her vacation this week.

She had planned an extended trip

to Montana.

Taking Mrs. Gregory's place for

the next four weeks will be Mrs.

Lucille Smith.

**Hassawar Here  
For Farm Union**

Hassawar, western director

for the National Farm Labor

Union, was due in Salinas this

week for a meeting of the new

Salinas Farm Labor Union Local 208. Announcement of the union's

progress was expected next week.

**"Summer Pack"**

The "summer pack" of sar-

dines is progressing fairly well, the

Fish Cannery Workers Union

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## GIGGLES AND GROANS

### PERFECTLY NORMAL

The little fellow obviously hadn't had a bath for too long, so his teacher sent a tactfully-written note to the pupil's mother. When the freshly-washed boy returned to school he handed in this note:

"Yours received. I give Jimmy a bath every week. The trouble is you old maid school teachers don't know how a man should smell. Jimmie smells just like his pa."

### POLITE THAT WAY

An inmate of an asylum announced gravely that he was God. The visitor said to him:

"Of course, you're God. And I'm glad to talk to you. But tell me—I've always wanted to know—is it true that you worked six days to make the world, then rested on the seventh?"

The inmate looked at him coldly, and replied:

"I never talk shop."

### PERVERSTY OF FATE

On a sunny bench overlooking the waterfront at Long Beach, old pensioners sat discussing their various troubles. A pair of lisps, blonde pranced, arm in arm. Clad in halter-top bras and the shortest of bright green shorts, they were fetchingly rouged and lipsticked, and each enjoyed a full complement of properly-distributed curves.

Permitting his rheumy eyes to follow appreciatively until the cuddle-cuties had lost themselves in the crowd, the elder of the old fossils turned back to his companion with a doleful shake of the head.

"That's what I mean," he whined in a quavering falsetto. "You'n me just didn't get the breaks! Why couldn't there have been women like that when we still had enough teeth to whistle!"

### A REAL ATTRACTION

A label from the blouse-department at the store had strayed into the hardware department and attracted a gay crowd. They read:

"How would you like to see your best girl in this for \$10?"

It was stuck on a bathtub.

**CREDENTIALS REQUIRED**  
**SIGN IN A HOLLYWOOD STUDIO** (where anything can happen): "Executives wishing to take advantage of stenographers in the steno pool, please report to A and show your need."

### NOTHING REVOLUTIONARY

The following explosive protest is attributed to Sally Rand:

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## The Labor Editor Speaks

### AN ECONOMIC WARNING

The conservative Federal Reserve Board does not often sound off half-cocked, and perhaps it is in a better position to analyze business trends than any other group or agency in the country. After a recent careful study, it issued a warning that unless worker purchasing power goes up materially soon our economy is due for a "slump." Here are some of the Board's findings:

In the last year savings have dropped about \$10 billion. Says the Board: "It is significant that even within the middle and upper income groups very substantial numbers drew upon holdings of liquid assets for living expenses."

In the last year there has been a big decline in the market for homes. Why? Because of the abnormally high prices. Says the Board: "Many consumer units, and more particularly in lower income brackets, have disappeared from the list of prospective purchasers of houses."

The Board points out that the number of worker families getting less than \$2000 a year dropped considerably in the same period. It points out, on the other hand, that "price increases during 1946 reduced the effective purchasing power of their incomes and of such savings as they had."

Rent increases, as a result of the new law, will further reduce mass purchasing power for commodities and services. Meanwhile the tax burden remains unchanged. Corporation profits, however, are the highest in history.

It doesn't take a professor of mathematics to realize what all this will add up to if present trends continue much longer.

### THE "MOCK" IN DEMOCRACY

Commenting on the possibility of a third party in '48, columnist Ray Tucker says:

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### THE BIG LIE TECHNIQUE

That fascism is very much alive in this world was shown when a rightist plot in France was exposed and crushed right on the eve of the planned coup. Remnants of the old Cagoulards and Vichy-Petain fascists plotted the uprising. An attempt was made to get additional support by copying one of Adolph Hitler's favorite tactics—use of forged documents to "prove" a Communist uprising in the offing. This is a favorite device of rightist totalitarians everywhere. It was the line of Mussolini, Franco, Horthy and a dozen other dictators.

Those sincerely opposed to communism as a philosophy and economic program should always be on their guard against such things. You will note that here in the United States all of the fascist and semi-fascist spokesmen keep assuring us that all they want to do is to "save us from communism." The fact is they are (1) against democracy and in favor of "strong man" government, (2) peddlers of race hate, and (3) enemies of trade unions.

Moral: Don't judge by the label; look inside the package!

### PUZZLE FOR PATRIOTS

Seems strange, does it not, that Congress will vote hundreds of millions for Greece and Turkey, more millions for Korea, more millions to feed Germans and Austrians, more millions to maintain an unpopular government in China—but it can't vote a few millions to complete the Central Valley Project?

## THE MARCH OF LABOR



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KINGSBLOOD ROYAL, by Sinclair Lewis. Published by Random House, 457 Madison Avenue, New York. Price \$3.

understanding and when, at a fashionable club meeting (attended by all the big bugs of the town) he blurts out the fact about his "mixed blood," the fat is in the fire and things really begin to happen. He is kicked out of his job at the bank, is boycotted by other firms, treated as a moral leper by most of his relatives and in-laws for spilling the beans, is warned by his neighbors to leave his home (because it's in a segregated district), and finally finds himself and wife in a police wagon after trying to defend his property against the assault of a mob.

There is high drama here and Lewis has made the most of it. Despite the satire and the preaching, he has made the story credible. He has turned over the stone of intolerance and shown us the horrid little creatures scampering out from beneath it. One of the top novelists of our generation has not only written a fine piece of fiction, but performed a public service in throwing the searchlight on a national evil which, more than anything else, mars the claim of the United States to moral leadership in the world. It is pleasing to know that a new Lewis novel reaches a wide audience, and that it is being sent to the hundreds of thousands of members of the Book-of-the-Month Club.

—AL SESSIONS.

**SIMPLY INDISPOSED**  
**STRIP TEASE** (to manager): "I can't go on tonight. I simply don't feel in the nude."

**A BAD REPUTATION**

MOE: "You say that farmer's a big liar?"

ZOE: "I'll say he is. He's such a liar that when it comes time to feed his hogs he has to get somebody else to call 'em for him."

**PATIENCE PERSONIFIED**

A working man walked into the little hospital and a nurse asked him what he came for.

"Gravel," he replied.

She ordered him to strip, then dress again and wait. The head nurse came along and repeated the performance. When the doctor came in turn and asked what the trouble was he said firmly:

"Gravel. I got two tons of it out at the back that the hospital ordered."

**NOT IN THE CARDS**

A young GI was due to take his place on his plane for a night flight within an hour's time. Timidly he asked his superior if he had time to say goodbye to his young wife who lived near by.

"How long have you been married?" asked the superior.

"Three weeks, sir."

"Son, I'm afraid you can't make it."

**BOON FROM HEAVEN**

He found his friend unusually cheerful when they met on the way to business.

"A legacy?" he asked.

"No, my wife's mother has it."

Failure is the path of the least persistence.

I never expected to see the day when the girls would get sunburned in the places they do now.—G. B. SHAW.

Some women don't care whose men they live beyond—N. COLE.

You can't kiss a girl unexpectedly; only sooner than she thought you would.—NAOMI BLISS.

## Report Lag In Factory Employment

(Release from State Fed. of Labor)

SAN FRANCISCO.—Reports for the month of May, 1947, indicate a decline in employment in manufacturing industries in California. The report of the Division of Labor Statistics and Research of the California Department of Industrial Relations shows that total employment in all manufacturing industries decreased about 7000 between April and May, 4600 in nondurable goods and the remainder in durable goods.

A large part of the decline occurred in the apparel industry, which suffered a loss of employment amounting to approximately 3000 wage and salary workers between April and May. One of the consequences of this decline is that employment in the apparel industry is now at the lowest level since January 1946.

### SOME SEASONAL RISE

Although there was a seasonal rise of employment in lumber, the declines in the remaining durable goods industries more than offset the increased demand for labor in lumber, so that the total employment in the durable goods industries dropped about 2400 between April and May. Aircraft, non-ferrous metals, machinery, iron and steel and their products were among the durable goods industries showing a significant decline in employment.

The brunt of the decrease in employment was felt in the Los Angeles industrial area, where employment in the nondurable goods industries declined from 94,000 to 91,700 and in the durable goods industries from 149,100 to 144,400 between April and May. In the same period in the San Francisco Bay industrial area, employment in the nondurable goods declined but 600, while slight increases occurred in the durable goods industries.

### LABOR MARKET TIGHTENS

These figures confirm the experiences of many that the labor market has tightened up, and that the lush days of being able to pick a job according to one's whims has passed. It should be noted that this decline in employment reflects conditions in the business community which, although reporting some increases in dollar sales over the past year, has also admitted a decline in unit sales. This inverse relationship of dollar sales and unit sales is a direct result of price increases, and is reflected in the employment figures reported here.

**PEPPER BILL URGES EQUAL WAGE RIGHT**

WASHINGTON—Sponsored jointly by Senators Claude Pepper (D., Fla.) and Wayne Morse (R., Ore.), a bill calling for equal pay for women in industry was introduced as S. 1556 and sent to the Labor Committee.

Entitled the Equal Pay Bill of 1947, it would make it an unfair wage practice to discriminate in payment of wages between the sexes for comparable quality and quantity of production on similar operations. An administrator, appointed by the Secretary of Labor, would enforce the law, with power to hold hearings and issue cease and desist orders enforceable in the federal circuit court of appeals.

In a joint statement the bill's sponsors said: "Fair-minded Americans have long deplored the existence of wage differentials based on sex in American industry. Such discriminatory practices against women workers fly in the face of ordinary justice, depress wages and living standards of women workers and the families dependent on them."

Pepper and Morse observed that with higher prices worsening the living conditions of Americans and "with the Taft-Hartley law on the statute books, creating greater obstacles to peaceful settlement of workers' grievances, it is all the more important to eliminate wage differentials based on sex as one cause of labor disputes."

Census Bureau figures show there are five million more women in business and industry since 1940, an increase of 50 per cent, they said.

## He's Frank, Anyway

In a store window of an orang-utan trying to play a violin.—HONORE DE BALZAC.

Sign on counter featuring 10c wedding rings: "Why Splurge Foolishly?"

## Steel Union Spurns Altered Labor Board

PITTSBURGH—The United Steelworkers will not channel any of its disputes through the new labor board created under the Taft-Hartley law, its executive board voted here. The board also decided that in future contracts the union "will not commit itself to non-strike obligations enforceable by harassing lawsuits."

Challenging the new law which, it said, "completely destroyed the fundamental protection given to workers by the Wagner Act," the union stated:

"We shall in good faith seek to resolve all issues between our union and the employers through bona fide collective bargaining and other peaceful means wherever possible. The right to strike in the event of disputes must be preserved or our freedom shall be lost."

## Miners Start Vacation



These Pennsylvania miners are about to get paid in advance for their 10-day vacation that began June 28. Over 200,000 fellow members of the United Mine Workers (AFL) started their "vacation" early to protest the Taft-Hartley law. (Federated Pictures)



By MARTY SOLOW

Every American a capitalist. That's the way Edward T. Leech, editor of the Pittsburgh Press (Scripps-Howard) feels about it. He said so in a column June 16. According to Leech, every holder of a stock or a bond is a capitalist. By that token, he decided, American capitalists "number around 30 million,



# With Local 890

## FRUIT & PRODUCE DRIVERS, WAREHOUSEMEN AND EMPLOYEES UNION

Main and John Streets  
Salinas, California

TO ALL MEMBERS OF LOCAL 890: Remember Ernest J. Bramblett, your Congressman in this district, voted for the TAFT-HARTLEY Labor Bill, thereby reducing your wages, hours and working conditions in the days ahead. Plan now to replace him in Congress at the next election. HE IS AN ENEMY OF ORGANIZED LABOR.

RAITER CANNING COMPANY: The minimum wages for women now in effect will be \$1 per hour; and also upheld the President's veto. HE, INDEED, IS A FRIEND OF ORGANIZED LABOR. Let us as individuals drop him a line in appreciation of his actions against this vicious labor law.

The cannery workers at the two canneries in Hollister are now under the jurisdiction of Local 890, whereby reducing the necessity of our members in the San Juan and Gilroy areas to transfer from one cannery to another. This addition to our union in the Hollister area will provide more work as our members will now be able to remain at the C. B. Gentry Company and the Sam Regas Company and the canneries, thereby keeping our members in that area employed throughout the year.

ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT RECEIVED THEIR INSURANCE POLICIES: Call at the union office. If you are unable to come in person, drop us a line and it will be mailed to you. Remember to pay your dues on or before the first day of the month and not later than the 15th, to remain in good standing and keep your policies in effect. This is very vital as in case of your death if you are not in good standing, your beneficiary will not receive your insurance.

IMPORTANT: The next general meetings are as follows: Salinas, August 5th at 8 p.m. at the Womans Civic Club. Watsonville, August 6th at 8 p.m. at the Odd Fellows Hall.

PRODUCE, BUG AND LOADER DRIVERS: You are now under the State Unemployment Insurance Act, and deductions are being made since July 1, but actually you are covered under the act since April 1, 1947. If there are any companies that are not yet deducting the Unemployment Insurance taxes, please notify the office of the union as it is very important that they take the deduction so that you may be covered by unemployment insurance for the coming year.

Any member of the union in need of legal advise, get in touch with the office of the union as we have lawyers for this purpose retained by the union.

If unemployed, come in and register so that we may place you on jobs as they become available.

Be sure to wear your union button on the job as this is proof that you, as an individual, want to maintain your wages, hours and working conditions through your membership in the union.

### REMEMBER THAT SHERIDAN DOWNEY

was against the passage of the Taft-Hartley labor bill and also upheld the President's veto. HE, INDEED, IS A FRIEND OF ORGANIZED LABOR. Let us as individuals drop him a line in appreciation of his actions against this vicious labor law.

The cannery workers at the two canneries in Hollister are now under the jurisdiction of Local 890, whereby reducing the necessity of our members in the San Juan and Gilroy areas to transfer from one cannery to another. This addition to our union in the Hollister area will provide more work as our members will now be able to remain at the C. B. Gentry Company and the Sam Regas Company and the canneries, thereby keeping our members in that area employed throughout the year.

Buy Union Made goods and wear your union button at all times.

### NOTES HERE AND THERE

We regret to advise, and we offer the condolence of this local union to Brother E. M. Fletcher of 311 Wall St., Watsonville. Brother Fletcher lost his wife who passed away in Arizona.

Be sure to notify the union office of any change in your address.

### DEADLINE IS AUGUST 1st!

The date and the hour for veterans to remember—midnight, August 1, 1947.

Veterans of World War II who have allowed their National Service Life Insurance to lapse have until that time to reinstate their G. I. term insurance by simply submitting a comparative health statement.

National Service Life Insurance provides the veteran with more protection, at a lower cost, than any other type of insurance—and it is a privilege available only to veterans.

QUESTION: I am a World War II veteran and plan to go to school under the G. I. Bill for the first time next fall. When should I arrange for my entrance into school?

ANSWER: You should arrange for your entrance into college or other institution of learning at the earliest possible moment.

QUESTION: What benefits, other than subsistence allowance, is a veteran entitled to while pursuing a course of instruction under the G. I. Bill or under the Vocational Rehabilitation Act.

ANSWER: Veterans Administration will pay for his tuition, books, supplies, fees and other authorized expenses within certain limitations.

A disabled veteran may receive a pension or compensation and subsistence allowance concurrently.

More than 50,000 veterans in the VA Branch 12 area (California,

## Teamsters Nail Wall St. Paper Lie About Fees

PORLTAND, Ore.—An accusation by the Wall Street Journal that AFL teamster locals here are charging initiation fees of \$500 uncorked vigorous protests and a demand for immediate retraction from Oregon Joint Council 37, International Brotherhood of Teamsters. Top fees are \$50 and average initiation payments are \$25, the council pointed out. The Oregon Teamster charged the big business organ with "an obvious and malicious propaganda attempt on the eve of the slave labor bill action."

### To Be or Not To Be

A high authority says that within 15 years the world will have heavy planes, probably 300 to 400 tons, run by nuclear energy. Others say that the costly process of splitting atoms to release energy will before that time be superseded by a method of combining lighter elements to make a heavier one. There is a great age coming. The only difficulty is whether there will be any humanity left to enjoy it.

Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii) have reinstated their G. I. term insurance since the VA launched their NSLI information campaign last February 3.

Last February Congress extended the date for reinstatement of insurance with a comparative health statement. This privilege ends at midnight, August 1, 1947. The VA will honor comparative health statements that are mailed prior to that deadline.

All veterans of World War II who allowed their G. I. insurance to lapse are being urged to give serious consideration to their peace-time insurance needs during the month of July.

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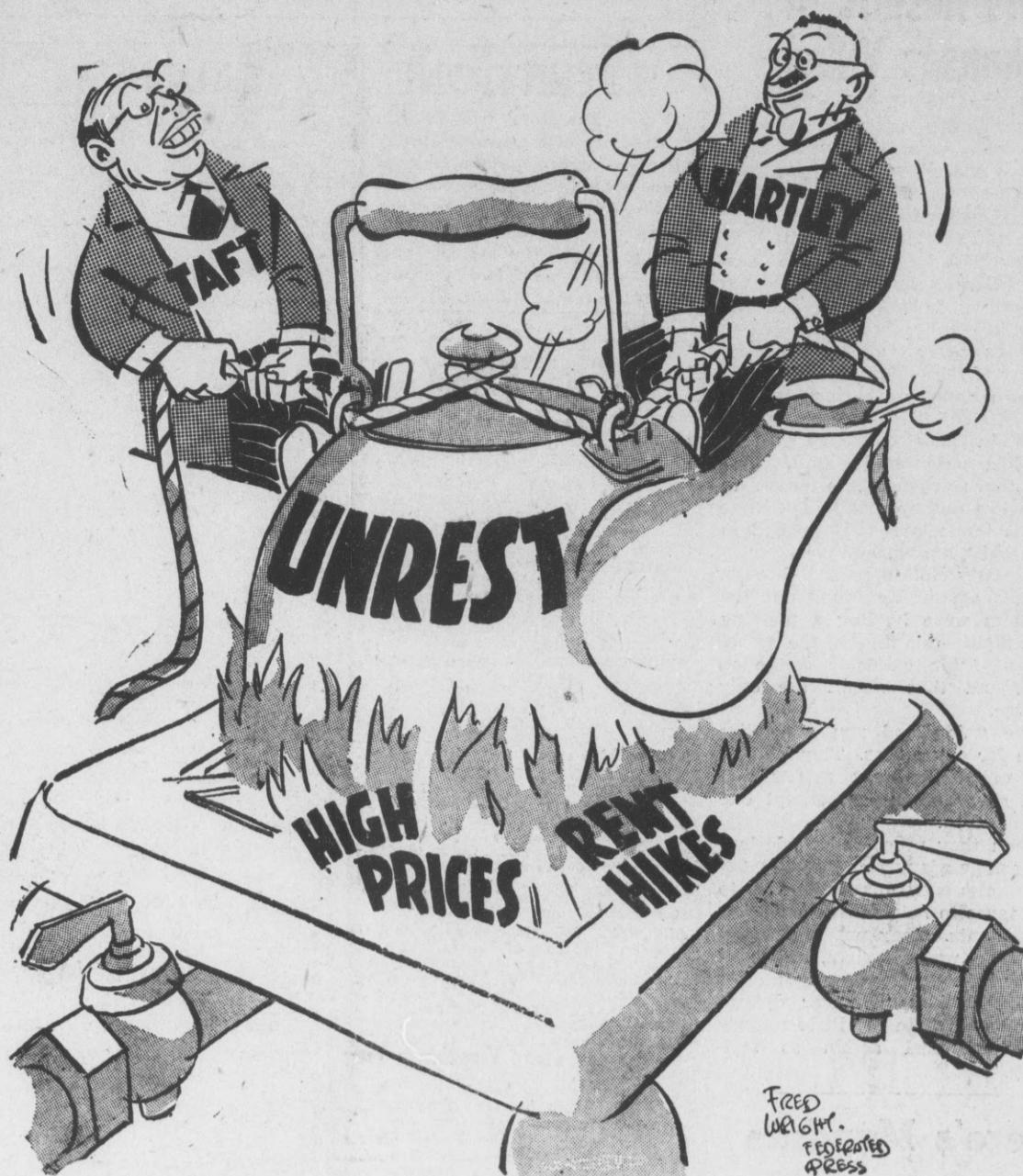
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## READY TO POP . . . WRIGHT



### Flock of Anti Bills Adopted For Michigan

LANSING, Mich.—Most of the anti-labor bills put through the Michigan legislature by the overwhelming Republican majorities have been signed by Gov. Sigler, including the Callahan foreign agents bill.

Outlawed is the right of public employees, including teachers, to go on strike. Workers in utilities must submit to arbitration. A 10-day strike notice is required of worker organizations generally and 30 days of utility workers. Strikes are not lawful unless a majority of ALL workers employed in the unit vote in favor, not a simple majority of those voting, as hitherto.

In Detroit a citizens' committee headed by Judge Henry Sweeny is organizing for a state referendum vote on the Callahan act. The act, which the attorney general says will not be enforced at present for lack of funds, gives him power to declare virtually any person or organization subversive, with corresponding penalties of jail and/or fine if the alleged subversive does not then make onerous reports and listings and affidavits.

Under the federal statute upon which the trio was convicted, each faces a possible sentence of six years in prison and \$30,000 in fines.

Hollywood Gentleman: A guy who steps on his cigarette so it won't burn your rug.—HELEN FORREST, radio singer.

### May, Convicted For Fraud, Foe Of Labor Union

DETROIT—Former Rep. Andrew J. May (D., Ky.) and his munitions-making buddies Murray and Henry Garson, were found guilty of bribery, fraud, and conspiracy by a U. S. District Court jury at the end of their 47-day trial.

May, former chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee, repeatedly wet his lips, his pudgy face chalk-white, as Justice Henry A. Schweinhaut polled each of the jurors individually.

May and the Garson brothers protested "we are still innocent" while their attorney announced plans for an appeal.

The Kentucky Democrat, whose record was never marked by a pro-labor vote, was accused of selling his influence to the munitions makers, whose activities saw a shoestring business parlayed into about \$78 million worth of war contracts. May was accused of taking \$53,000 in bribes.

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Seven days make one weak," said the coffee in the restaurant percolator.

### Sheet Metal Crafts Given 15-Cent Hike

DETROIT—Union sheet metal workers in the furnace and air-conditioning trade won a contract for a 15c blanket hourly raise, putting the new rate at \$2.02 1/2, Bus. Agt. Marion Macioce of Local 281 (AFL) announces.

On out-of-town jobs they get in addition 6c a mile both ways and room and board at \$5 a day. Chief stewards get 10c above the journeyman rate. Standard vacation clauses and insurance coverage in the Union Labor Life Insurance Co. were included.

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